

Don Manzullo:

RESTORING U.S. MANUFACTURING A CRUCIAL GOAL

U.S. Senator Don Manzullo says he is committed to restoring manufacturing in the country, according to a recent press release.

"We don't like unemployment because of the loss of our manufacturing jobs in the congressional district (16) I represent," says Manzullo.

Over 80% of Manzullo's time, he says, is spent on manufacturing issues. *The Manufacturer* magazine honored him with his photo on the front page of their Feb. '04 edition and dubbed him "Mr. Fix-It." The subtitle read, "Don Manzullo's plan to save American manufacturing."

As chairman of the House Small Business Committee, he has held over 50 hearings on the importance of manufacturing, high costs of health care and foreign outsourcing.

"It seems basic to our economy that a healthy manufacturing base is crucial, but you would not believe how few of my colleagues in Congress understand this," he explains. Every week he meets with colleagues from the House and the Senate to try to turn this dangerous path of losing the manufacturing base and thus threatening the national defense.

"Currently, I've been fighting members of my own party who plan to DECREASE taxes for U.S. companies to move manufacturing offshore," the senator comments. He formed a coal-

tion of Republicans and Democrats, stopped that bill and introduced legislation to *DECREASE taxes for U.S. companies that keep manufacturing IN the country.*

Manzullo also believes in fighting unfair foreign trade practices that give unfair competitive advantages over U.S. manufacturers. He wants the Senate to pass the Energy Bill and let the President sign it so energy production in America is increased. This will lower production costs for U.S. steel producers.

Manzullo asks a question which the Labor NEWS has hammered on over the years, time and time again: If so much outsourcing takes place, who is left in the U.S. with decent jobs and the ability to buy their foreign-produced products, regardless of where they are manufactured?

The senator from Rockford sponsored a bill to enhance the Small Business Administration's 7 (a) loan guarantee program, allowing larger loans to small business owners so they can grow and create jobs.

Manzullo is asking for help in the election of 2004, a major one for the country. "I want to continue as chairman of the House Small Business Committee, and press for the importance of American manufacturing in Congress," he explains. He cannot do that if he is not re-elected.